

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

January 15, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Joe Jax (2.1 hrs) Bob Giede (2 Hrs) Mike Schendel (2 hrs) Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs)
Dennis Kropp (2 Hrs) Nancy Schofield (4 Hrs) Mike Smith (2 Hrs)

Guests: Richard Henning, Judy Zimmerman, Chris Gaetzke, Cortney Cole, City Administrator Lowell Prange, and Mayor Randy Knaack

The meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. Roll call was taken by passing around a sign-up sheet and recording volunteer hours. Minutes of the previous meeting were handed out and were reviewed. A motion was made for approval of the November meeting minutes by Dennis Kropp, seconded by Bob Giede, Motion passed.

Armur Cork Tree Removal: Ordinance Revision Status: Revision was reviewed by council members. Dennis Kropp moved to forward to city council for approval, second by Mike Schendel.

2020 Budget: \$14,000 for 2020 was approved by council. There is a contingency budget if Council overspends due to Ash tree issues.

Urban Forestry Member Terms up for Renewal: All members are up for renewal. All have accepted. Up to the Mayor for city council approval of continuous council.

Benches: There is more wood left. Contact Jerry Johnson if we would like more benches made.

Future Issues to be addressed:

- Memorial tree at city hall will remain at city hall.
- Now that city hall owns the property – would be a good place to plant a memorial tree.
- Arbor Day (April 24) is approaching.
 - Arbor Day Presentation at the Gravel Bed?
- Gravel Bed Presentation Options
 - High school ag class field trip
 - Urban Forestry field trip
 - Dick reaching out for bare root trees

Items to add to the Agenda:

- Tree Program
 - Ash Tree reduction – discounted trees option
 - Advertising: Newspaper, city website, facebook

Urban Forester Report: Pruning: Continue to catch up in North Menomonie, move to western Menomonie. Dick is requesting the UFB send him to the Urban Forestry Conference in Green Bach (Feb 16-18). Dennis Kropp motioned to approved, second by Cindy Gilberts.

City Council Report: City hall has purchased government building. Looking into renting to non-profit organizations. Mayor Randy Knaack working on “Project Hope”

Public Comments: Judy Zimmerman: “Hidden Life of Trees” and “The Over Story” recommended books for the council.

Next Meeting: February 19, 2020, at 2:00pm in the Conference Room.

Submitted by: Cortney Cole